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USIA-controlled Waagner-Biro A.G. has produced 31 of the 70 multi-purpose steam shovels, based on a Soviet model, which were scheduled for completion between 1 January 1953 and May 1953.<sup>1</sup> The reasons for the lag in production are allegedly as follows:

a. Wagner-Biro A.G. is not organized properly for the production of steam shovels and much of the work has to be sub-contracted to other firms which are experiencing difficulties in the production of steam shovel parts.

b. Deliveries of steel from Vöest (Vereinigte Oesterreichische Eisen- u. Stahlwerke A.G.) and the Oesterreichische Alpine-Montangesellschaft, Donawitz, are irregular.

c. For the past two or three months, Waagner-Biro A.G., as all USIA-controlled firms, has experienced the effects of the Soviet Military Bank's schilling shortage.

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